AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 47. (Cancelled)

48.   (Currently amended)   A label printer for printing, said label printer comprising:

at least one print head;

a cutting mechanism; and

a processor;

wherein, when the label printer is operated, the processor causes the at least one print head to print an image, and causes the at least one print head to print a first background for one label and a different, second background for a second, subsequent label in a manner such that there is a region within which the first and second backgrounds meet to provide ~~one of~~ a blend between the first and second backgrounds ~~and a boundary between the first and second images that is unclear~~;

the processor is configured to cause the cutting mechanism to provide a cut on either side of the region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut; and

the processor is configured to cause ~~wherein~~ the at least one of said at least one print ~~heads~~ head to start printing ~~an image on said image receiving medium~~ the second background on one side of said partial cut provided by said ~~cutter~~ cutting mechanism and to continue printing the second background on the other side of said partial cut.

49.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein, when the label printer is operated, the processor causes the at least one print head to print information on said region between said first and second labels, wherein the information is one of a group of an indication of tape remaining in a cassette received in the printer, a serial number numbering a label in a series of labels, and an indication of where a tab cut is located.

50.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein both of said cuts are partial cuts.

51.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein one of said cuts is a full cut.

52.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 49, comprising a reverser arranged to reverse an image receiving medium on which the labels are arranged to be printed.

53.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 52, wherein said reverser is arranged to reverse the image receiving medium from the cutter to said at least one print head.

54 - 56. (Cancelled)

57.   (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 48, wherein the at least one print head is arranged to print backgrounds on said first and second labels in different colors.

58.   (Currently amended)   A label printer for printing an image, said label printer comprising:

at least one print head;

a cutting mechanism; and

a processor;

wherein, when the label printer is operated, the processor causes the at least one print head to print on a tape a first image for a first label and a second different image for a second label, said first and second labels being adjacent, in a manner such that there is a region within which the first and second images meet to provide ~~one of~~ a blend between the first and second images ~~and a boundary between the first and second images that is unclear~~; and

the processor is configured to cause the cutting mechanism to provide a cut on either side of the region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut; and

the processor is configured to cause the at least one of said at least one print <u>head</u> ~~heads is arranged~~ to start printing ~~an image on said image receiving medium~~ <u>the second image</u> on one side of said partial cut provided by said <u>cutting mechanism</u> ~~cutter~~ and to continue printing the second image on the other side of said partial cut.

59-68. (Cancelled)

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69. (Previously presented)   A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein, when the label printer is operated, the processor causes the printer to print information to a user on the region.

70. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 69, wherein the information comprises one or more of: an indication of an amount of tape remaining in a cassette, a serial number numbering a label in a series of labels, and an indication of where a tab cut is located.

71. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein one of the cuts on either side of the region comprises a full cut.

72. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein both of the cuts on either side of the region comprises a partial cut.

73. (Previously presented) A printer as claimed in claim 58, wherein the first image comprises a first background color, and the second different image comprises a different background color.

74. (Currently amended)   A method of printing using a label printer, comprising:
    printing on a tape a first image for a first label and a second different image for a second label, said first and second labels being adjacent, in a manner such that there is a region within which the first and second images meet to provide ~~one of~~ a blend between the first and second images ~~and a boundary between the first and second images that is unclear~~; and
    providing a cut on either side of the region, wherein at least one of said cuts is a partial cut;
    wherein the printing comprises starting printing the second image on one side of said partial cut and continuing printing the second image on the other side of said partial cut.